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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate William Nelson on the
4 occasion of his retirement after 18 years as the Director of
5 the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department; and

6 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of William Nelson, numerous
7 improvements were made, including the addition of Whitewater
8 Junction Aquatic Park, 2 expansions of the Rock Island Fitness
9 and Activity Center, the creation and operation of Schwiebert
10 Riverfront Park, updates at the Highland Springs and Saukie
11 golf courses, and the addition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
12 and Rauch Park; the playgrounds and recreational amenities
13 received welcome attention, including the Quad-Cities' first
14 dog park, the pickleball courts, new tennis courts at Hodge
15 Park, and the cutting-edge electronic playground at Schwiebert
16 Park; and

17 WHEREAS, Thanks to William Nelson's commitment to Rock
18 Island, residents have grown accustomed to its parks being a
19 source of great pride to the city, and its recreation
20 facilities have set a standard other communities strive to
21 match; and

22 WHEREAS, William Nelson served on the board and chaired the

1 Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Bi-State
2 Riverfront Council, where he helped to attract and stage such
3 events as Train Festival 2011 in Rock Island; he is a longtime
4 member of the Quad City Botanical Center Board, where he was a
5 staunch supporter of the Children's Garden expansion; and

6 WHEREAS, William Nelson's retirement will be official in
7 April of 2016; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate William Nelson on his retirement after 18 years as
11 the Director of the Rock Island Parks and Recreation
12 Department, and we wish him the best in all his future
13 endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to William Nelson as an expression of our esteem and
16 respect.